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IMPRESSIONS AND EXPRESSIONS OF THE COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS

The Greenbrier Valley Press Association enjoyed the bounteous hospitality of the Alleghany Sportsmen's Association and the Minnehaha Springs Co., at Huntersville, Pocahontas county, last Saturday on the occasion of its annual meeting.

Thru the courtesy of Hon. H. M. Lockridge, vice-president, the log camp of the sportsmen's club and all of the appurtenances were turned over to the newspapermen for the day. This lodge is located in the edge of a beautiful pine thicket, backed by a game preserve of 5,000 acres. About seventy elk, a number of deer and many game birds make themselves perfectly at home in this reservation and permit almost anyone to approach them closely before scurrying away. Out in front of the pine forest an imposing club house is nearing completion at a cost of \$15,000, which will be operated on the plan of a first-class hotel with accommodations for one hundred and fifty—this being the association membership. Provision is also made for the erection of bungalows by the members, one now nearly completed belongs to Judge Dice, of Lewisburg, and Mr. Bratton, of Marlinton. Many others are planned, and some day in the near future this great recreational project, conceived by State Game Warden Vignesney and Mr. Lockridge, will rival the Adirondack camps.

Adjoining is another big enterprise—the Minnehaha Springs. It is being developed by another Lockridge (Dr. J. B.) and energy is manifest all about. The basis of this enterprise is a mineral spring which dispenses an enormous volume of virtuous water—a soft, palatable lithia, which one dislikes to see running so much to waste, but much of it is now being bottled and shipped. A large bath house and bathing pool has been erected, and workmen are busy on a commodious hotel building crowning a hill.

The rewards of a visit to these big undertakings are many. One is bewildered by impressions of future possibilities, and their value to that section—to the county of Pocahontas. They are reached by wagon road in nine scenic miles from Marlinton—by automobile it is a good hour, and by buggy and horse about two and a quarter hours. A preachment on good roads would be in order here, but those people are not asleep and before next summer the automobile distance will be shortened by nearly a half. "Old Dobbin" will be making it in an hour and a half with ease, and that perfectly useless sign which now jestingly greets the motorist about two miles out of Marlinton with "Caution—Speed Limit 15 Miles per Hour," will come into use. Everything is there but the roadbed—the scenery of the route is indescribably beautiful; unmatched anywhere in the wild world.

Ponce de Leon might have found perpetual youth in Pocahontas county's climate. There is the grand young man of Pocahontas to prove this. We had just passed thru Huntersville and Bre'r Dennis was recalling acquaintances of other days. The name of William Curry had hardly been spoken when that sprightly youngster bore down upon us afoot. Our auto was making a lively clip over a piece of road that had undergone a successful "bee day" experiment the day before, but we did not approach him much faster than he approached us. We halted to meet the ex-clerk of the circuit and county courts—the man who preserved the records of Pocahontas county during the late unpleasantness. To meet him was a pleasure and a delight. With clear vision he saw and with ready wit he conversed. After a day at harvest he was on a morning jaunt. Having been born in the year '22, he was 42 years old when he produced the county records and restored them to his neighbors at the close of the war and is now 92

years young— hale and hearty.

With all this Pocahontas is an undesirable place—for doctors. They live hard. Marlinton has two that we know. To avoid the poor house both went into politics—one is now president of the county court and the other has gone to the legislature a time or two. In all of the county we know of only two others—Dr. O. H. Kee, now a colonel, and Dr. J. B. Lockridge, who has gone into the summer resort business as mentioned before.

We could and would say much about Marlinton if it didn't lead to such boundless realms. It is the home of Andy Price and Bob Kramer and the Marlinton hotel, which hostelry has learned that good coffee is the standard index to the rest of the cuisine. Otherwise Marlinton is said to maintain an average growth of one house or building a month, and a score of one automobile out of each hundred in the state. From the changes noted since our last visit—four years ago—we believe this boast to be true.—West Virginia News.

The Greenbrier Valley Press Association held its annual meeting Saturday, the 6th, at Minnehaha Springs, the members going up to Marlinton the afternoon before where they spent the night at the hotel owned by Mr. Alexander and operated on the European plan. It is a nicely fitted-up, well conducted hotel, entirely creditable to the town which has grown and improved much in recent years.

Saturday morning the members, as guests of Bros. Kramer and Price, were taken in touring cars up Knapp's to Minnehaha Springs, about four miles east of the old town of Huntersville, so long the county-seat of Pocahontas. Our meeting was held in the log club house built last year for the temporary use of members of the Alleghany Sportsmen's Association out to enjoy the hunting season. The Association now has under construction a large and elegant five-story Club House, located in the edge of a dense forest, and in full view of the Minnehaha Hotel, on the opposite hill, now under roof. The Sportsman's Association has about 100 acres in the immediate Club House boundary, 5,000 acres in fee, and 15,000 under lease, making a large hunting preserve on the western slope of the Alleghany abounding in native game, to which has been added a herd of Elk from the Yellow Stone Park, and now has, in wire pens near the Club House, a dozen or more of Chinese and English pheasants which will be released in due time. They are beautiful birds, the plumage of the males representing all the colors of the rainbow.

The bath house is, so far, the leading attraction at Minnehaha, the temperature of the water being delightful. We predict that in the near future Minnehaha Springs and this hunting preserve will be known far and near.—One hundred dollars and personal acceptability, with \$10 annual dues, admits to membership. Brothers Bob Kramer and Calvin Price served a delicious dinner for the press men prepared in the kitchen of the Sportsmen's Association, which after a morning's tramp over the grounds sight-seeing, was much enjoyed.—Greenbrier Independent.

It was our pleasure last week to attend the meeting of the Greenbrier Valley Press Association at Marlinton, and through the courtesy of the manager, of spending Saturday on the grounds of Alleghany Sporting Club's Preserve at Minnehaha Springs, where the business meeting was held. The drive over from Marlinton in company with H. M. Lockridge of Huntersville, who is in charge of the place, and the originator of the scheme of the club, was most enjoyable. The scenery, fine farming country, lofty mountains and beautiful streams, made one wish that every summer day might be spent in just such a place as the valley up Knapp's Creek. Mr.



Pocahontas Potatoes

Grown by L. O. Simmons, a well-known printer, in Marlinton. Average weight over two pounds each

Photo by Gay

Lockridge informed us that the club had purchased 5,000 acres of land and leased 15,000 more for their exclusive privilege, and now had the best stocked preserves in the State. He stated that there was no other section of West Virginia where as much game abounded as was to be found on the land of the club. There are now 150 members from every section of the State, and numbered some of the most prominent men among them. They are just completing a \$16,000 hotel where the members have the privilege of taking their families, and where they will be able to enjoy all the conveniences of a modern hotel; while at other parts of the property will be erected bungalows for the convenience of sportsmen, so as to save long trips back to the hotel at night.

The hotel, four stories high, is built on an eminence overlooking a pretty valley as we have ever seen, while on the other side the mountains stretch away as far as the eye can reach and at the rear a beautiful pine grove. Many hundreds of feet above the hotel a large reservoir has been built from which a full flow of pure water is driven right into the building. The lower floor contains the kitchen, dining room and pool room, the next floor will be the lobby, 50x60, and will be fitted up to conform to its name, while the two upper floors will be bed rooms with baths, and when opened on October 15th will be a beauty.

Beside the large quantity of natural game on the preserve, the club has added a herd of seventy Elk, English, Chinese and other pheasants, which are said to be fine game birds, but many of which if we were sportsmen we don't think we could shoot. Several hundred young birds were liberated only a short time ago.

These birds are said to be very hardy and easily acclimated and make a splendid game birds, especially the English red necks. Just across the line from the club preserve is the Minnehaha Springs, the property of Dr. J. B. Lockridge, where a new hotel is now under way and which will be ready for visitors next season. This famous spring has a flow of a million gallons per day, and we learn that a company has been formed for the purpose of bottling the water and putting it on the market.

Our thanks are tendered Mr. Lockridge for his courtesy to us and an invitation to be present at the opening of new club house, which we hope to take advantage of.—Roncoverte Times.

We poured the tea into Boston harbor but not according to law. We took the isthmus of Panama; we freed the slaves; the governor of New York was impeached; and Canada spewed Harry Thaw out of her mouth, but not according to law. But as a matter of fact it has proved to be just as effective.

We cannot see a particle of good in Harry Thaw. He executed his man with neatness and dispatch and under all the rules of God and man, he must pay the price. He has kept the country in an uproar for seven years. His place is back in the asylum there to be safely and securely kept until discharged by law.

THE BEST SELLER.

Persons who make a study of the trend of passing events and wish to forecast popular and prevailing future opinion, are much interested in the book that may be the "best seller," among the new books.

Now it turns out that for years the Bible, the oldest of books, has been the "best seller" as the following figures show, it may be to the surprise of many readers of the Pocahontas Times.

The British Foreign Bible Society report six million six hundred and twenty thousand and twenty-four copies of the Bible for the last year. The society now one hundred and six years old has sold two hundred and twenty million printed in four hundred and twenty-four different languages and dialects. Then too the sales of that society are on the increase; for the last year they sold over six hundred and eighty-five thousand over the previous year, which makes a record in the history of the society's operations. Let notice be taken of the fact that while the British society is one of the largest societies it is but one of many concerns printing and circulating the Bible.

This may be surprising to many persons, yet it is a source of pleasure unspeakable to be thus assured that God's word holds first rank and power and is not growing old. From the fact that it was the "best seller" in 1912, the Bible meets the needs of the twentieth century just as it did the needs of the Israelites in the times of Moses.

This marvelous circulation of the Bible as the "best seller" indicates that the time cannot be far removed when popular opinion will be to the effect that what is most needed for the highest interests of humanity would be for all from the least to the greatest to love the Lord our God with all the heart, soul, strength, and mind and the neighbor as one's self and until this is done, there can be no civil nor religious liberty. W. T. P.

Professor L. L. Friend, state supervisor of High Schools, has returned from Pocahontas county, where he spent a week in assisting B. B. Williams, superintendent of schools of that county, in one of the most successful educational campaigns ever conducted in that section of the state.

Twenty-seven meetings were held at various points in the county to the course of the campaign, the object of which was to bring about better schools, and more systematic methods of training. The matter of establishing district high schools was also discussed, and it is likely that institutions of this character will be established in that county at some later date.

While the meetings were held chiefly for the benefit of teachers and pupils, they were conducted openly and were attended by many who are not engaged in educational work.

Many speakers of prominence in educational work in West Virginia, including M. P. Shawkey, state superintendent of schools, were in Pocahontas county during the campaign and addressed the meetings. Mr. Friend was there for a week, returning to Charleston Saturday afternoon.—Charleston Gazette.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Editor Times:

It cannot be said that the farmers are not being awakened to new and progressive ideas of intensive farming, judging from the interest manifested at the over-flow meetings at the sessions of the Farmer's Institute, recently held at Academy.

The sessions were presided over by M. J. McNeel, president, assisted by the able secretary, E. H. Moore, gentlemen most capable of discharging any duties that might be placed upon them, and in their respective spheres each presided with the ease and dignity becoming a Chesterfield.

Many problems of vital interest to all classes of farmers were most ably discussed by the professors, and many good points were brought out by some of the sturdy native tillers of the soil.

A highly instructive lecture was given by Fred Ruckman upon the cultivation and value of the soy bean, and all who heard it could not have failed to gather from it a few of the many ways at least of keeping up with the spirit of the times now engrossing the minds and energies of all leading agriculturists and which would make them to add to their assets.

G. D. McNeill gave a very instructive talk upon the subject of selecting seed corn, which he handled in a very satisfactory manner, showing that he had given the matter careful thought as well as having added to his store of knowledge of the subject by actual personal experience in the matter.

The Institute also enjoyed a good talk upon the same line by the Rev. Geo. P. Moore, and he too showed that he had passed through the practical period of experience from which he had obtained good results.

Prof. C. A. Leuder next followed in an able and instructive lecture upon the diseases of cattle and horses, and dwelt especially upon those of the horse, giving in his lecture many formulas for the cure and eradication of many diseases to which the horse is heir.

C. J. Stulting had a talk upon alfalfa, giving some very instructive points upon this plant, and by the way was prepared to speak from experience, as he has a nice plot of it growing on his farm.

The Institute was then entertained by one of the professors on the history and cultivation of alfalfa, and according to the ideas expressed he showed conclusively that the plant is being brought to the front as a forage plant and a money maker by leading agriculturists all over the country.

Prof. A. Dacy then took up the subject of potato culture, giving the best methods of its successful cultivation showing that the soil should be actually cultivated before planting; the seed should be prepared with a treatment of formalin to prevent scab, to have two eyes to the piece and two pieces to be planted in a place or hill. He also gave some instructions as to the cooperation of farmers in marketing of their crops.

We must not fail, Mr Editor, to mention the attendance of the ladies, because you know they are

always the most prominent in all meetings of the people, and we can but exclaim in the language of the poet:

"The world was sad! the garden was a wild! And man, the hermit, sighed—till women smiled."

Let it be said that the officers were re-elected without opposition for the next year.

Now, sir, lest I should weary you as well as your readers I will close with the lines of the poet:

"Here, brothers, secure from all turmoil and danger, We reap what we sow, for the soil is our own; We spread hospitality's board for the stranger, And care not a fig for the king on his throne; We never know want, for we live by our labour, And in it contentment and happiness find."

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SUGGESTIONS

Editor Pocahontas Times:—

I am in receipt of a letter from C. R. Titlow, Director of Agricultural Extension Work, University of West Virginia, in which he says some very nice things in praise of the Farmer's Institute held at Academy the 1st and 2nd of September. He especially commends the resolutions as adopted by the Institute and says: "We shall keep these on file and possibly have occasion to use them in some of our future publications or advertising methods." And further, he says: "We certainly appreciate the help of the local people in making the work of the Institute a success." So say we all.

Now, the thing for our farmers to do next spring—or, rather do it NOW—is to work for FOUR big institutes; one in each district of the county, and do our part to make a common banner county of the State.

From the Southern Planter and other agricultural papers we learn that we have in the United States a million less cattle than we had a year ago, and the number has been decreasing annually for years. With this alarming decrease, and with the rapid increase in population, we are almost facing a beef famine in this country. To bring this matter home to ourselves, what can the farmers of Pocahontas county do to stop this decrease?

First, they can stop vealing heifer calves—it is alarming the number of calves shipped out of our county every year. Let the farmers grade up their native stock, raise more cattle, and keep them until they are two's and three's, when they will bring more money. Build a silo. (The writer regrets that he has no silo, as yet.) All can build silos and the silo is really the key to cheap beef production.

I believe if the farmers will study these questions, and work to apply them as far as possible, especially in keeping their heifer calves, and raising more stock, that within ten years our county can boast of her cattle on a thousand hills. The same may be said of the sheep industry.

The growing of more and better horses in our county is an encouraging sign. Good young horses bring fine prices.

And what pays better for the attention given them than chickens and turkeys, ducks and geese? These are not idle questions. Many of the ladies of our community and county receive nice checks every fall for a few barrels of dressed fowls raised by their own efforts. E. H. M.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, died on board of ship last week. He has been in failing health for some years. He was a man about the same age as the late James A. Moffatt and died from the same trouble, hardening of the arteries. He was a man of great force and mentality, and will be known probably as the greatest mayor New York ever had.

Fiduciary Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the fiduciary accounts of F. M. White, admr. of J. B. White, are before the undersigned commissioner of accounts for Pocahontas county for settlement. T. S. McNEEL, Comr.

PULP MILL DAM

Located in Grant County, on the headwaters of Stony River, 3400 feet above sea level, in the wilds of the Alleghany Mountains, stands the new "Stony River dam" recently completed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. Stony river is a tributary of the Potomac, and the dam as the river flows is some miles distance from the pulp and paper mill at Luke. The dam has been built to store water during the rainy season, and this water will be released during the low water season, so as to make the flow of the Potomac at Luke uniform throughout the year, thereby insuring an abundant supply of water at all times for the local mills at Luke. In the construction of the dam there was used for the concrete about 600,000 feet of lumber, 1064 carloads of native stone were crushed for the concrete, 584,000 pounds of steel used for re-enforcing the concrete work, and more than 16,000 barrels of cement were required.

The dam will form a lake covering 400 acres, which will be three miles long and one mile wide at the widest place. The water stored will be about 1,500,000,000 gallons, or enough to run the pulp and paper mills from five to six months. The dam was built by Arbursen Hydraulic Construction Company, of Boston. G. H. Bayles, of Morgantown, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, represented the Pulp and Paper Company during the construction work.

EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

The interest shown in the recent educational campaign is very en- look a great interest in attending and gave the speakers the best attention and several expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the efforts put forth. It would seem from the interest manifested that a better school system is in the near future and a High School in at least three districts with a great awakening in the Common Schools, as to the conditions pertaining to the Grounds, Houses, apparatus and general appearance of the property. It is to be expected that the teacher have more sympathy and better cooperation from the parents and that a better understanding of the school and its interest be the result of this effort on the part of all those concerned.

The campaigners had the pleasure of talking to at least 275 parents and the total number of people who attended the different places aggregated somewhere between twelve and fifteen hundred. The place at which the people made the poorest showing as to attendance is one of the places that could have made the best showing, being the county-seat. Marlinton had eleven or twelve present, all told. This, however, was exactly in accord with some of the campaigners' prognosticator—we expected to have just such a reception.

The county certainly ought to be proud of the teachers of this county. They rendered very efficient service in this campaign both as speakers and listeners. Those who went about as speakers did it at their own expense and on the very meager salary they get. I doubt if a good teacher is ever paid for what he does. We are looking forward for this year to be the best school year that Pocahontas has ever had. May we all work for it and it will come.

Yours,

B. B. WILLIAMS, Supt. Pocahontas County Schools.

Letters in Marlinton post office unclaimed. If not delivered will be sent to Dead Letter Office, September 27, 1913. If asking for any letter in this list say advertised. Taylor Thompson, 2. Water Thompson, Willie Myers, Fred Harrison, J. W. Graves, Chas. Capito, E. L. Bowles.